

WHEREAS, Allen Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church, will celebrate its Ninetieth Anniversary in Yankton, South Dakota, on April 19 and 20, 1975; and,

WHEREAS, Dakota was still a Territory at the time of Allen Chapel's inception, and the A. M. E. group was part of the progressive push which brought about Statehood in 1889; and,

WHEREAS, The Chapel Sunday School had twenty people enrolled and the library consisted of twelve volumes; and,

WHEREAS, Isaac Blakey and his family arrived in 1905; Isaac became the titular head of the church, followed by Ted Blakey, after Isaac's retirement; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Spencer Blakey, Sr. is the only native born member of the congregation; and,

WHEREAS, Allen Chapel has contributed greatly to the religious and cultural life of the Yankton community; and,

WHEREAS, The celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Allen Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church, is worthy of public recognition in the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor make special note of this event:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 19 and 20, 1975, as

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DAYS

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 18th day of April, in
the year of our Lord, Nine-
teen Hundred and Seventy-
Five

R. F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herse

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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